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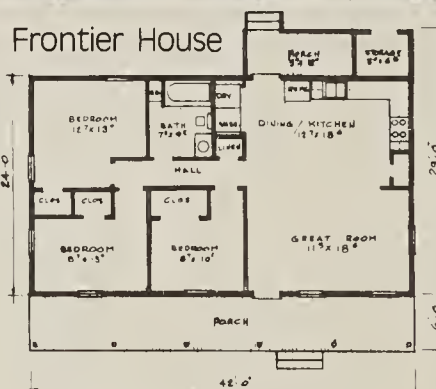
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The Lobbyist As Villian: A Bum Rap

A political cartoonist might sketch the creature wearing a stylish three-piece suit, but his horns, hooves and smoking nostrils would be a dead give-away for his true character.

He'd probably be pictured tucking the U.S. Capitol into a vest pocket, smiling fiendishly as he whisks past a bewildered John Q. Public, a trail of greenbacks floating in his wake.

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This "cartoon" is a distortion of the truth, of course, but it would undoubtedly inspire a chorus of "Amens" among rank-and-file Americans who often feel they aren't equipped to influence the government decision-making process in a meaningful way outside the polling booth.

Their feelings of powerlessness can be heightened whenever an issue attracts the attention of "special interest" lobbyists, who can mount sophisticated campaigns to influence lawmakers.

As a result, when our representatives in Congress or the state legislature fail to support our positions, we often look around in frustration for a villian. And we can conveniently hang that title on the other side's lobbyists, blaming their tactics or "connections" for unfairly swaying those in authority.

All this becomes quite troubling when it's played out by top government officials, elected leaders and highly-respected media outlets, as was the case in the maneuverings related to the rural electric and telephone cooperatives' recent effort to stabilize the co-op financing program.

A bill to accomplish that drew strong

opposition from the administration as soon as it was introduced in the House, although it would have helped to hold down the cost of power for the 26 million Americans who are served by electric and telephone co-ops.

Thus, the co-op consumer "special interest" found itself pitted against the administration's top officials and a number of elected leaders over this piece of legislation.

Administration spokesmen and their compatriots immediately began a vigorous campaign to kill the bill, but only the co-ops' representatives in this political tug-of-war were recognized lobbyists who had to bear the heavy burden of the title's misguided "villian" image—a bit of excess baggage their opponents didn't have to tote.

The cartoon version of that image didn't surface on the nation's editorial pages wearing a "co-op" label, but it was nonetheless subtly conveyed through speeches, news conferences and less-than-balanced reports in major publications and syndicated columns.

The Wall Street Journal and *The Reader's Digest*, for example, were aghast over the antics of this "powerful lobby," but never batted an editorial eye when several private businesses mounted a successful campaign for legislation that waived a sizable tax bill they faced from foreign investments.

Somehow, what was good for a capitalist goose wasn't necessarily good for this "special interest" gander.

Ultimately, the co-ops' lobbying efforts were not successful in the 98th Congress. The financing bill passed the House last March but was killed in the Senate—

without a full airing—during the closing hours of the session.

The measure was never allowed to come to a vote in the Senate, where it was expected to pass without any difficulty—despite opponents' efforts to question the motives and methods of the bill's supporters.

Even so, the rhetoric and media coverage surrounding this debate undoubtedly left many Americans wondering if the co-ops and their lobbyists do, indeed, have horns and hooves.

It's a bum rap that has already hampered the representatives of this "special interest," whether they're the professionals who maintain day-to-day liaison with government officials or the members, directors and employees of local co-ops who take time to express their views to their elected leaders in Congress.

That's all part of an essential element in our governmental process, for elected leaders must be kept informed about citizens' views on legislative issues.

That element can be abused, of course, especially with the growth of political action committees and other advocacy organizations that vie with one another for the leaders' favor.

Each of them represents a "special interest," but there's nothing unsavory about that. It's a way of saying they speak for Americans who have a particular common bond.

Each of them uses lobbying techniques to advance their cause, but there's nothing sinister about that. It's a legitimate part of a government based on democratic principles.

To suggest otherwise is a disservice to those principles.

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EMCs Abandon Plans For Hydro Projects

Just the mention of hydroelectric power almost immediately conjures up images of electricity that's clean, cheap and bountiful. No fuel costs, no pollution—just a continuing source of virtually cost-free power.

Unfortunately, those images aren't likely to be translated into reality in North Carolina. Most of her geography just wasn't designed for it.

North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations are now facing up to that harsh fact after spending the past two years on feasibility studies of several highly-rated potential hydro sites across the state.

Except for a couple of mountain sites where abandoned hydro plants are being returned to service, the studies have led the cooperatives to no hydro projects worthy of development.

"In a nutshell, none of the hydro projects we've studied has proved to be feasible," said George Ferrell, director of planning for N.C. EMC, the generating and transmission system serving the state's EMCs.

"They would cost just too much for the benefits we could reasonably expect. The benefit-to-cost ration is quite small."

Four sites that have been studied in detail recently were Falls Lake near Raleigh, the B. Everett Jordan Lake near Pittsboro, the W. Kerr Scott Reservoir near Wilkesboro and Lock and Dam 1 and 2 on the Cape Fear River.

Other sites that were eliminated from consideration in earlier preliminary studies were High Falls in Moore County, Long Shoals in Lincoln County, Dallas Lake in Gaston County and Bluestone Reservoir in West Virginia.

As a result of the studies, Ferrell said, the EMCs have withdrawn all formal license applications on the sites and dropped plans for developing the hydro projects.

"When we began looking at these sites, we had high hopes that low-cost hydro power could help reduce the co-ops' power costs. Now we have to accept that this can't be the case."

Part of the problem is high interest rates, he said. But the studies also revealed some technical difficulties, including water supply and flow problems as well as environmental concerns.

The hydro plants that are being restored are the Sharpe Falls Hydroelectric Plant on the New River in Ashe County, which was recently re-opened by Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir; and the Capitola Dam in Madison County, which is being refurbished by French Broad EMC, Marshall.

The 53-year-old Sharpe Falls plant had provided power for the Blue Ridge EMC system until 1970 when co-op officials closed it because of high operating costs.

It sat idle until it was re-examined in light of current energy costs and found to be worth putting back in service.

The plant was re-opened Sept. 22 after the EMC had completed repairs and renovations costing about \$130,000.

Engineers expect the plant to produce about a million kilowatts of power a year—enough to power about 100 homes. The project will save the co-op an estimated \$40,000 a year.

"Blue Ridge is proud to be able to return this plant to service, making use of one of the natural resources of this

area to produce some of the electric power needed by Blue Ridge consumers," said Bob Bumgarner, manager of the EMC's Watauga District.

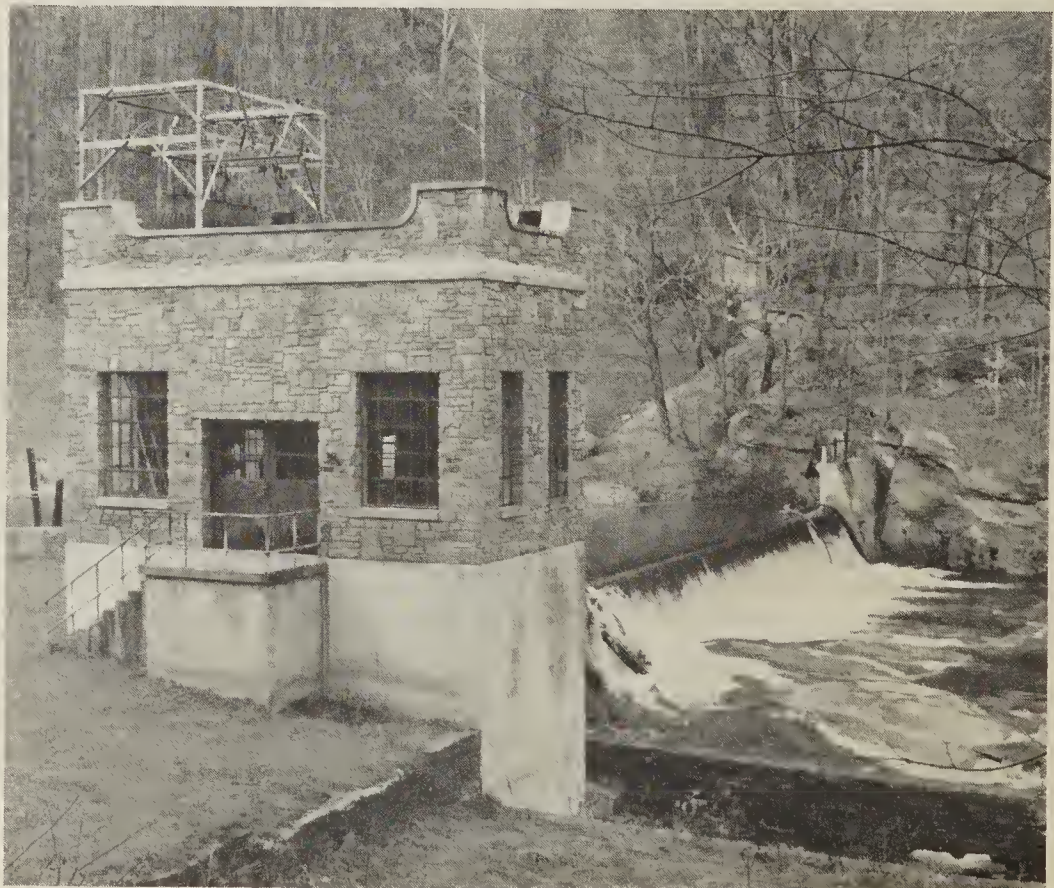
The small plant was built in 1931 by local contractor Col. Basil Barr for Northwest N.C. Utilities, an early electric power company that was later acquired by Blue Ridge EMC.

Meanwhile, French Broad EMC's \$6 million project to revive the old Capitola hydro plant on the French Broad River at Marshall is expected to be completed sometime in December, said Charles Tolley, the EMC's manager.

The plant, which the co-op acquired in the 1940s, will provide enough power for an estimated 2,700 homes.

The facility originally furnished mechanical power for a milling operation at the turn of the century.

It was converted into a hydroelectric plant in the 1920s and continued to provide small amounts of electricity until it broke down in 1959. Since repairs were not economically feasible at that time, the plant has been sitting idle ever since.



Sharpe Falls hydroelectric plant on the New River in Ashe County, which was recently revived by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, is expected to generate about one million kilowatt hours of power each year.

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Museum Plans Yule Season Open House'

The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts in Winston-Salem has scheduled its fifth annual Christmas Open House Dec. 8-9.

Most of the museum's period rooms will exhibit greenery and other materials used for Yuletide decorations in the early South from 1660 to 1820.

Guests will be allowed to walk through the rooms at their own pace and enjoy light refreshments in the museum auditorium.

Tickets, to be sold in advance, will be priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6 to 14.

For mail orders, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of tickets. Send orders to MESDA Christmas, P.O. Box 10310, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27108.

Wild Horse Adoption Center Set For Monroe

Wild horses and burros rounded up on western rangelands will soon be looking for new homes with residents of the Carolinas when the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sets up a temporary wild horse and burro adoption center in the Charlotte area, December 6-9.

About 90 wild horses from Oregon and 70 wild burros from Arizona will be trucked to the Union County Livestock showyards in Monroe. People who promise to give good homes to the horses and burros may apply for as many as four. To qualify, applicants must have suitable transport, facilities and means for caring for the animals. An adoption fee of \$210 for each stallion, \$260 for each mare and \$135 for each burro is required.

Applications and information about this one-time event are available from the Federal Information Center, Room 334, Richard B. Russell Federal Building,

75 Spring Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, telephone (404) 221-6891.

Individuals also may contact the Adopt-A-Horse and Burro Program, Bureau of Land Management, 350 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22304, telephone (703) 274-0068 or 274-0231.

"This is the third temporary adoption we have had in the Carolinas since 1982," stated BLM Eastern States Director G. Curtis Jones, Jr. "We had outstanding success in placing animals in good homes during adoptions once before at Monroe, and at Saluda, South Carolina last year."

Jones said more than 320 wild horses and burros have already been adopted by residents of North Carolina and about 340 animals have been adopted by South Carolinians.

Jones pointed out that persons who obtain adoption forms and apply in advance to BLM will be assured a better selection of animals, but that "walk-up" applications will also be taken during the event at Monroe.

North Carolina Gets New State 4-H Leader

Dr. Dalton R. Proctor has been selected as North Carolina's new state 4-H leader.



The 50-year-old Wilson County native has served for the past nine years as associate state 4-H leader. He succeeds

Dr. Donald L. Stormer, who accepted a position in April with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as the national 4-H leader.

Proctor's appointment was announced by North Carolina State University Chancellor Bruce R. Poulton following approval by the University Board of Trustees. The 4-H program, which involves about

100,000 youth, is conducted by NCSU's Agricultural Extension Service with the aid of about 17,000 volunteers.

Proctor's association with 4-H began at the age of 10 as a farm boy with a calf.

His career has included military service, work as an extension agent in Caswell and Greene counties, and positions as a community development specialist and 4-H specialist at NCSU.

His B.S. degree is in animal science and his M. Ed. is in adult education, both from NCSU. He has a D. Ed. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Reynolds Official Gets State Award

The North Carolina Association of County Agricultural Extension Agents has presented its Outstanding Service to Agriculture Award for 1984 to J. D. (Jerry) Shiffert of Winston-Salem.

Shiffert is manager, Agricultural Programs Division, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Shiffert was cited primarily for his support of county extension agents as they work with tobacco growers to improve productivity and profits. Under his leadership, Reynolds support for tobacco research and extension work has increased fivefold.

Shiffert has been with Reynolds since 1952. He has managed the Agricultural Programs Division since 1979.

ECU Now Offering New Evening Degree Programs

East Carolina University is now offering evening undergraduate degree programs in 10 subject areas, according to Marion P. Sykes Jr., coordinator of the University in the ECU Division of Continuing Education.

These new programs offer new educational opportunities to "non-

traditonal" studies whose job or family responsibilities prevent their taking regular daytime programs, Sykes said.

The degree programs being offered by the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Technology include anthropology, business education and administrative services, driver and traffic safety, economics, English (concentration in writing), geography, history, industrial technology, psychology and sociology.

For more information, write or call the University College, Division of Continuing Education, East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C. 27834. Phone: (919) 757-6488.

Cover: Painting By Ashe County Artist

Our cover this month is a reproduction of an original watercolor painting by Raney Rogers, a young artist who makes her home at Rt. 1, Warrensville.

The painting, titled "Many Winters," is part of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. collection.

Mrs. Rogers, who has been painting since childhood, majored in art at East Carolina University and pursued her painting on a part-time basis until she and her husband moved to Ashe County in 1982.

Earlier, while working as a secretary in the Morehead Foundation in Chapel Hill, she was commissioned to paint a portrait of John Motley Morehead that now hangs in the Morehead building's lobby.

Mrs. Rogers, now an art teacher in the Ashe County Schools, has shown her work in various exhibitions across the state.

She and her husband are consumer-members of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir.

Ft. Bragg Office Aids Army Retirees

Many of the 54,000 retired Army personnel who reside in North Carolina are not receiving the benefits due to them, according to officials of the Army Retirement Services Office at Fort Bragg.

"It is up to the retirees to register for their benefits before they can receive them," said John Bell Jr., an agent in the Retirement Services office.

"People can lose thousands of dollars because they did not properly file for their benefits. That's why we're here, to help assist with the retirees needs."

The office aids all Army retired personnel in the state, but also helps U.S. Navy, Marine Corp and Air Force retirees as needed.

For more information about retiree benefits or services, write or call the office, AFZA-PA-PRSO, XVII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, Fort Bragg, N.C. 28307. Phone: (919) 396-3723.

North Carolina Farm Family Wins National Recognition

A North Carolina farm family has been selected as one of the 10 finalists in the National Soil and Water Conservation Program.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary N. Blake, Rt. 3, North Wilkesboro, won the recognition for turning 76 acres of abandoned land covered with kudzu into a productive farm.

The Blakes and other finalists will be honored later Wednesday at the National Conservation Tillage Conference in Nashville, Tenn. They will now compete for the national title, which is expected to be announced after Thanksgiving.

The awards program was established in 1982 by the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation and the Du Pont Company. Furnie Lee and Margaret Boyette of Kenansville were among the 10 finalists in 1983, the first year of the competition.

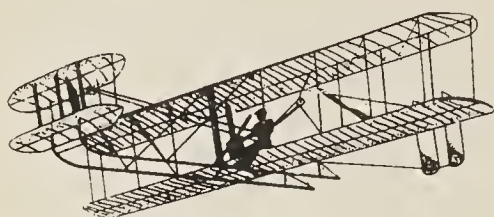
Dr. Maurice G. Cook, extension soil science specialist at North Carolina State University, said the Blake family won the state title in competition with nominees from about 80 soil and water conservation districts in the state.

After purchasing the land in 1974, Mr. and Mrs. Blake and their two sons began to manually dig up the kudzu that draped the landscape. Today, the land supports a diversified farming operation that consists of tobacco, brood cows and replacement layers raised under contract with Holly Farms.

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Ceremonies To Mark Wright Brothers Flight

Aviation enthusiasts will gather at the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kill Devil Hills Dec. 17 to celebrate the 81st Anniversary of the Wright Brothers' First Flight.

Included in the annual ceremonies, sponsored by the First

Flight Society and the National Park Service, will be a wreath-laying ceremony in the morning, a military fly-over and a luncheon.

The wreath-laying ceremony will occur at the Wright Brothers National Memorial, which marks the location of the brothers' first successful powered take off in 1903.

The luncheon program will include the First Flight Society's induction ceremonies for Theodore Ellyson, the Navy's first aviator, who received his license in 1911.

Ceremonies at the Wright Brothers National Memorial are free

and open to the public. The luncheon will be held at the Armada Hotel in Nags Head.

For information on flying into the First Flight Airstrip, located next to the Wright Brothers National Memorial, or for more information on the event, contact Bebe Midgett, National Park Service, (919) 473-2111 or Katherine Martin, (919) 441-4124.

Crafts Sale Set In Morganton

The fifth annual Harvest Collection of Crafts, sponsored by

EMCs Named Directors Emeritus, Elect Two Newcomers And 35 Incumbents

Veteran directors at two North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been named Directors Emeritus upon their retirements from the EMC boards after more than four decades of service.

They are Doak H. Skeen of Rt. 2, Denton, who had served on the board of Davidson EMC, Lexington, for 46 years and W. B. Renegar of Rt. 6, Mocksville, who was a member of the board at Crescent EMC, Statesville, for 44 years.

The two men stepped down from the boards at the EMCs' recent annual meetings.

In naming Skeen a Director Emeritus, the Davidson EMC board adopted a resolution noting that he was a founding director of the cooperative who served as the board's treasurer from 1940 until his retirement.

The resolution cited Skeen for his "dedicated service" to the EMC.

The Crescent EMC board paid tribute to Renegar in a resolution commending him for his "faithful and devoted service" to the co-op.

The retirements opened the way for newcomers to be elected to the vacant posts on the EMCs' boards.

At Davidson EMC, the newcomer is Charles M. Hedrick of Rt. 11, Lexington. Incumbents re-elected were Eston B. Stokes of Rt. 1, Linwood and B. Glenn Smith of Lexington.

At Crescent EMC, the newcomer is Jerry Anderson of Rt. 6, Mocksville. Incumbents re-elected were: Jack B. Wooten of Rt. 2, Cleveland; Paul H. Stroud of Rt. 1, Mocksville; Kenneth Westmoreland of Rt. 2, Huntersville and Henry Gabriel of Rt. 1, Sherrills Ford.

At other recent EMC annual meetings across the state, 35 incumbents directors were re-elected at eight EMCs:

- **Cape Hatteras EMC**—Re-elected were Fred J. Neuman of Buxton, Ellis Gray of Avon and Jack Gray of Buxton.

- **Four County EMC**, Burgaw—Re-elected were R. W. Blanchard Jr. of Rt. 1, Turkey; Iva W. Brinson of Rt. 1, Magnolia; O. Homer James of Rt. 2, Wallace and Garland P. King of Rt. 1, Teachey.

- **Central EMC**, Sanford—Re-elected were Ed Jones of Rt. 3, Pittsboro; William B. Hulsey Jr. of Rt. 2, Carthage and James Paschal of Rt. 3, Sanford.

- **Carteret-Craven EMC**, Morehead City—Re-elected were W. Elijah Guthrie of Rt. 5, Newport; Clarence E. Millis of Rt. 2, Newport; David C. Holt of Star Route, Maysville and David M. Chadwick of Rt. 2, Beaufort.

- **Albemarle EMC**, Hertford—Re-elected were L. A. Harris of Rt. 4, Elizabeth City; Billy R. Nixon of Rt. 1, Tyner and Estelle Felton of Rt. 2, Hertford.

- **Union EMC**, Monroe—The entire board was re-elected as the co-op conducted business with a quorum present for the first time in several years. Re-elected were William R. Wilson of Rt. 1, Richfield; J. Ray Efrid of Rt. 4, Albemarle; Thurman Harwood of Rt. 1, New London; Boyd C. Haigler of Monroe; B. L. Starnes of Rt. 1, Waxhaw; Vann W. Hilton of Rt. 1, Marshville; Bruce Thompson of Charlotte; Ralph E. Johnson of Charlotte; J. Grant Duncan of Rt. 1, Indian River Trail; Rufus N. Reid of Concord and Jimmy T. Hartsell of Concord.

- **Surry-Yadkin EMC**, Dobson—Re-elected were Paul Cornelius of Rt. 2, East Bend; Grady V. Nichols of Rt. 7, Mt. Airy and Garland M. Chilton of Rt. 3, Mt. Airy.

- **Lumbee River EMC**, Red Springs—Re-elected were Elias Rogers of Rt. 1, Red Springs; Bradford W. Oxendine of Rt. 4, Lumberton; Harold Dean Brewer of Rt. 1, Red Springs and Martin Clark of Rt. 3, Laurinburg.

the Morganton Junior Woman's Club, is scheduled for Dec. 1-2, featuring homemade craft items, baked goods and plants.

The event will be open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 1 and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 2.

Agribusiness Awards Go To Two Men, Two Companies

Two North Carolina pickle companies and two individuals were honored by the North Carolina Agribusiness Council at its recent annual meeting.

Charles Evans McSwain, a former president of the N.C. Crop Improvement Association, received the council's award for production in recognition of his work in developing quality seed sold to grain farmers in Eastern and Southern states.

Morris L. (Mac) McGough, executive vice president of the Western North Carolina Development Association, won the award for service and supply.

The pickle companies, Charles F. Cates and Sons, based in Faison, and Mount Olive Pickle Co., shared the council's marketing and processing award. The companies were cited for their leadership in research and innovations within the industry.

Festival To Feature 60 Christmas Trees

The second annual Festival of Trees for the Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Inc., featuring 60 decorated Christmas trees and other attractions, is scheduled for Nov. 23-30 at the Wilmington Hilton Inn Grand Ballroom.

The event is sponsored by Friends of Hospice, a support group for the terminally ill and their families.

For more information about the event and its schedule, write or call Mrs. Sondra T. Robertson, 456 Middle Sound Road, Wilmington, NC 28405. Phone: (919) 686-9597.

Home Folks

J. Harry Cornell, chief of the state Division of Inland Fisheries from 1950 to 1975, has been honored by the North Carolina Nature Conservancy in recognition of his work to advance fisheries management across the state. Cornell received the organization's highest award, a silver oakleaf and certificate of appreciation. . . . **Libby Phillips Pearce** of Wake County has been recognized as the 1984 Young Farm Woman of the Year. Mrs. Pearce, who has been farming in partnership with her father for three years, was honored at the Young Farmer and Rancher luncheon at the N.C. State Fair. . . **John Hope Franklin**, James B. Duke professor of history at Duke University and a leading U.S. historian and author, has received the Jefferson Medal for "extraordinary contributions to American society" in a ceremony in Washington **Bob Cage** of South Boston, Va., won the 1984 World Tobacco Auctioneering Championship, sponsored by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. Cage, a professional auctioneer for 32 years, won over 63 other competitors. First runner-up was **Charlie Fowlkes** of Greensboro and second runner-up was **Sandy Houston** of Reidsville.

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Thurman Nance: Jordan Lake's Own "Admiral"

The Chatham County lake may never fulfill its promise as a source of hydroelectric power, but it is becoming a major recreation attraction—with a boost from this vigorous "golden ager"

Some folks believe that when you reach your "golden years," you're supposed to shuffle off to that old rocking chair—or take your place in a fishing boat on a quiet pond.

Thurman F. Nance of Lee County, who is 73, doesn't mind putting a line in the water from time to time, but if your mental image of the man has him placidly waiting for a nibble in a little

skiff . . . well, that's like describing a hurricane as a "good stiff breeze."

Nance can be found in and around boats of various shapes and sizes as he busily goes about realizing a dream he's had for about 30 years: operating a lakeside boat rental service, which may be the first of its kind in North Carolina.

Jordan Lake in Chatham County

provides the setting. Nance has provided the idea, the determination, the initial financing and much of the energy required to make the dream come true.

So far, it's working. But it didn't happen overnight.

As far back as the 1950s, when the New Hope Dam (as it was called then) was just a proposal from the Army Corps of Engineers—with the support of people in Fayetteville who wanted protection from flooding on the Cape Fear River—Nance began working to help create the reservoir.

He worked with other proponents, lobbied members of Congress and helped publicize the proposal in the face of substantial opposition.

Carolina Power and Light Co. was especially opposed, perhaps because the dam was envisioned as offering a "threat" in the form of cheap hydroelectric power.

As it has turned out, the lake hasn't been tapped for hydro power because that's not economically feasible. (See story, page 4).

Despite the early controversy, the project eventually became a reality—with the strong support of former Gov. and U.S. Senator Kerr Scott and from Sen. B. Everett Jordan, for whom the lake is named.

When the dam was dedicated a few years ago, Thurman Nance was among the most enthusiastic participants.

He quickly set his sights on providing a boat rental service at the lake.

"I've always had boats on the river," he says, referring to his homeplace on Deep River near Moncure. "I've sold 'em and rented 'em and enjoyed 'em myself."

His rental operation became one of the first entrepreneurial ventures at the lake, where he shares a location with the separately-operated Crosswinds Marina.

Both businesses are located about 25 minutes southwest of Raleigh at Rt. 2, Apex.

When Nance opened Jordan Lake Rentals in 1982, he had only one houseboat and a small fishing boat.

But by 1983, he had become an "admiral" of his own small navy of rental boats: seven houseboats, ranging from 28 feet to 46 feet in length; two paddleboats, a fast speedboat, a



ABOVE—Thurman Nance and his son, Thurman Jr., look over their boats at Jordan Lake Boat Rentals. RIGHT—Nance waves a friendly greeting to just those who've become the "crew" on one of his houseboats.



Photos by Frank Jeter Jr.

cabin cruiser and four fishing craft.

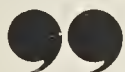
Today, the business has outgrown its original row of boat slips and shares space with private owners' boats at another part of the inlet.

The operation has "two big houseboats, seven other houseboats, three speedboats, the cabin cruiser, a pontoon boat and a bunch of fishing boats," Nance proudly points out.

He failed to mention the large canoe sitting nearby, the only boat not in the water.

"Oh yes, that's ours too. I bought it at a hardware store."

Traffic through Nance's business has grown steadily, and it's become a year-round operation.



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As a result, it now requires the regular services of Nance's sons, Thurman Jr. and Jerry, office manager Myrtice Pake and a few part-time employees.

Nance himself puts in his share of time there when he's not busy with his job as an opportunity specialist for the Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers Association.

This Raleigh-based association is a non-profit agency financed by federal money from the U.S. Department of Labor and state funds, as well as grants from foundations and other public-spirited groups.

Nance joined the association 12 years ago.

Earlier, he was employed by the N.C. Employment Security Commission and once ran a vending machine business at Fort Bragg and its neighboring community of Spring Lake.

The Sampson County native has made his home in Lee County since

1941. He's married to the former Mildred Gathings of Monroe.

Somehow, the vigorous Nance manages his association work and boat rental activity so that he can also spend some of his time on another project he's quite enthusiastic about.

It's the North Carolina Food Bank, which uses wholesome food from grocery stores that doesn't quite meet their standards for appearance.

"That's a wonderful thing," says Nance, "you'd be surprised what a lot of people are being fed through that program."

Nance says he runs the boat rental business in part to share his love of boating—and his prices are set accordingly.

A \$5 bill will buy an hour on a canoe or a fishing boat with an outboard motor. A water skiing boat is \$15 an hour without skis, \$20 with. A pontoon boat is \$12 an hour, with a three-hour minimum.

For fishermen seeking to test the abundant stock of fish in Jordan Lake, full-rigged bass boats are available for \$12 an hour or \$80 for a full day.

A comfortable 28-foot houseboat, complete with motor and anchor, costs \$60 for 12 hours, \$80 for 24 hours.

The "flagship" of the Nance fleet is a new \$40,000 46-foot luxury houseboat that comes with four large bunks—they look big enough for two, in a pinch—color TV, charcoal grill, a bathroom with regular fixtures (even a shower) and comfortable chairs on a wide carpeted space at the bow. An upper deck is ideal for sunbathing.

This craft rents for \$200 for 12 hours, \$300 for 24.

"What you want to do," Nance says, "is to get out there on the lake in the evening, drop your anchor and just go to sleep for the night. That's really living!"

—Frank Jeter, Jr.

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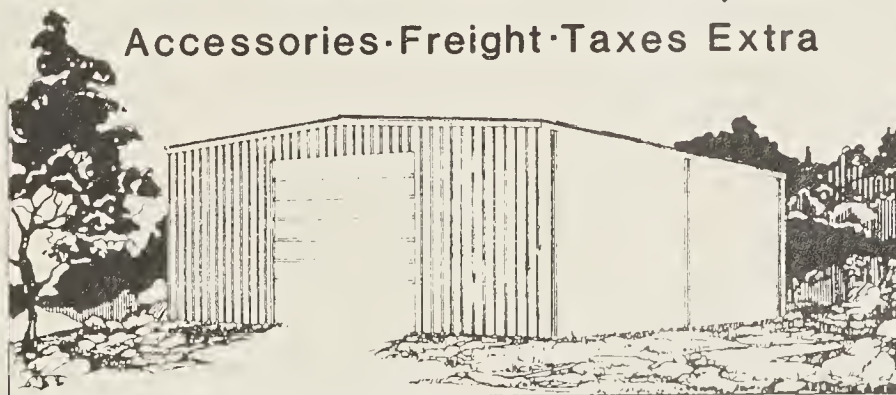
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The cookbook, titled *Country Cakes*, features more than 300 recipes for cakes, cookies, refrigerator cakes and other desserts.

The sisters helped in the kitchen when they were small, but they were never allowed to make the cakes.

That hands-off rule led Mrs. Blair to concentrate on baking cakes after she married, collecting recipes from family members, friends and acquaintances.

One of the favorite family recipes included is for Perfect Cake, which Mrs. Blair claims as her personal favorite.

In the book, she describes it as "a beautiful heirloom cake . . . and delicious!" The recipe is reprinted below.

The cookbook is available in book stores, but may also be ordered from *Country Cakes*, Blair of Columbus, Inc., P.O. Box 7852, Columbus, Ga. 31908. Enclose check or money order for \$12.45 including postage and handling for each copy ordered.



Perfect Cake

3½ cups cake flour	1 cup butter	2 cups sugar
5 eggs	1 cup milk	2½ teaspoons
¼ teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon vanilla extract	baking powder

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Blend in vanilla. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt together and then add alternately with the milk, blending thoroughly. Pour batter into 3 or 4 9-inch round cake pans. Bake at 35 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until cake tests done. Frost top, sides and layers with Perfect Cake Icing.

Perfect Cake Icing

2 cups sugar	1 cup water	¼ cup white Karo
3 egg whites, stiffly beaten	1 teaspoon vanilla extract	syrup

Boil sugar, water and syrup together until it spins a thread. Pour slowly and in a very thin stream over stiffly beaten, but not dry, egg whites, beating constantly. Beat until stiff enough to hold its shape. Blend in the vanilla extract and then add the following:

1 fresh coconut, grated	1 small bottle maraschino	1 small can pineapple,
1 cup chopped pecans	cherries, chopped into	crushed and well
	small pieces	drained

After blending, spread immediately on cake. You may also use a Seven Minute Frosting instead of the cooked frosting; however, I prefer the cooked frosting since the frosting will hold its shape on the cake until it is all eaten.

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Veterinary Ophthalmology: From Cataract Surgery To Corrective Contacts

Gentle hands held his head to the examining microscope as soothing words from his owner kept Chester, an 11-year-old poodle, quiet.

For the dog, the scene—and the rest of his world—was probably no more than a large blur. Like many older dogs, Chester had cataracts, a condition that can lead to blindness.

On the recommendation of his veterinarian, Chester was brought to North Carolina State University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital for examination by a specialist.

According to Dr. Robert L. Peiffer, veterinary ophthalmologist and associate professor of companion animal and special species medicine, cataracts are the number one eye disease in canines.

The condition is inherited and common in many breeds including poodles, Boston terriers and cocker spaniels.

"In the beginning stages of a cataract, the owner usually doesn't notice the disease because the animal will compensate for impaired vision with his other senses. By the time the owner brings a pet in for examination, the disease is usually very advanced," Peiffer said.

Even though Chester has had cataracts for some time, Peiffer didn't recommend surgery to remove them.

"One of the main differences between human and veterinary medicine is the fact that fine tuned vision is not as necessary for an animal as it is for a human," he said.

Since Chester, an indoor dog, knows his way around the house and sees well enough to function there, Peiffer felt surgery wasn't necessary.

However, if an owner wants improved vision for a visually impaired pet and is willing to go to the expense, the methods and treatments are available.

Peiffer cited the example of cataract surgery he performed on a race horse. After the horse had recovered and begun to race again, the trainer complained that the horse was bumping into the guard rail during races.

"To solve the problem, we ordered a specially made 20 millimeter contact lens for the horse to wear while he was racing. Later the trainer told me the contact actually improved the horse's racing," Peiffer said.

Normally a contact lens is not prescribed unless it can be helpful in protecting the eye while an injury such as a corneal ulcer is healing, he added.

Peiffer's caseload, which averages about 40 patients each week, has included zoo animals such as llamas, lions and snakes as well as house pets such as dogs, cats and birds. Most patients are referred by private veterinarians in North Carolina.

"Some veterinarians have the necessary equipment and training in ophthalmology to handle most eye problems and some don't. Veterinary ophthalmology is a specialty that has just come about in the past decade," he said.

Eye surgery for pets is much cheaper—approximately one-seventh the cost—than the same type of surgery for humans, even though the procedures, equipment and medicines are the same, he said.

"More and more pet owners are opting for specialty veterinary care," he said, "and veterinary ophthalmology is just one example."

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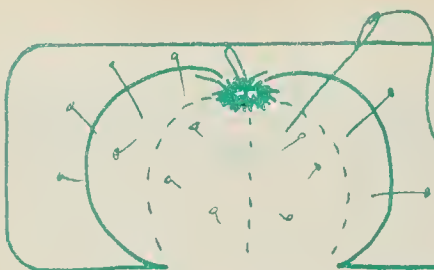
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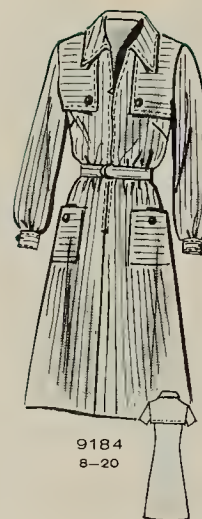
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Cranberry Salad

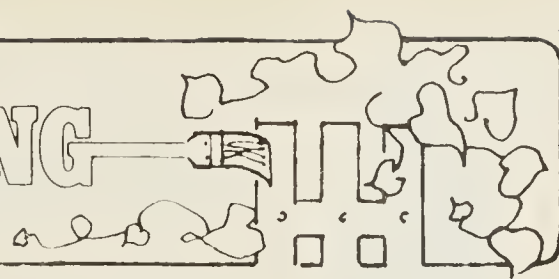
Submitted by Ann Joines of Hickory

1 lb. cranberries
½ cup sugar
1 cup water
1 pkg. lemon jello

15 marshmallows
1 cup chopped pecans
1½ cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped apples

Boil cranberries, sugar and water for five minutes. Add one package lemon jello. Stir until dissolved. Stir in marshmallows and beat until completely dissolved; cool. Add pecans, apples and celery. Chill.

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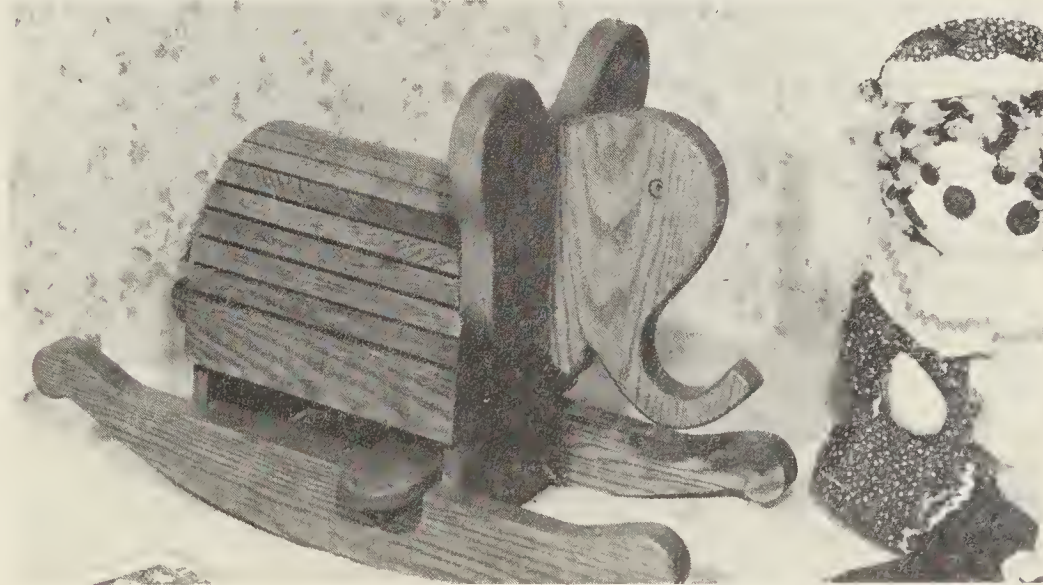
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WASHINGTON SCENE

Senate Action Kills Bill, Ending Two-Year Effort To Stabilize Co-op Loan Program

A two-year effort by leaders of the nation's rural electric and telephone cooperatives to shore up the Rural Electrification Administration loan program ended in the closing hours of the 98th Congress.

A bill to stabilize that program was presented for U.S. Senate discussion at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 10, under the "unanimous consent" rule.

After just 45 minutes of discussion, Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming objected to the Senate's consideration of the measure—S.1300—effectively killing the bill.

Under "unanimous consent" no legislation can be considered if it encounters any opposition.

Joining Sen. Simpson in opposing the bill were Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island and Sen. Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio.

Bob Bergland, general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, described the action as "a farcical episode" concluding the administration's efforts to "avoid forthright, on-the-record debate and vote on the bill."

The legislation, which inspired administration opposition shortly after it was introduced about 18 months ago, had passed the House by a 283-111 vote last March. And on June 7, the Senate Agriculture Committee, chaired by North Carolina's Sen. Jesse Helms, endorsed a similar measure with only Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana dissenting.

However, it was not until June 29 that the committee's report on the

bill was sent to Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, who was responsible for scheduling the bill for action by the full Senate.

The bill sat in Sen. Baker's office for more than three months, despite the fact that Baker received an August letter from 53 of the 100 senators asking him to bring the bill to the Senate floor for a vote.



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Bergland pointed out that the death of the bill will not have an immediate impact on the co-ops which borrow from REA in the next few years.

"There is no doubt that the REA program is still strong and healthy over the near term," he said, adding that the Senate action does mean problems still lie ahead in the 1990s.

The debate on the bill centered on its cost to the government, but

behind much of the discussion was the question of whether the REA should survive in its present form.

Administration spokesmen termed the bill a "bailout," claiming it could cost the government \$20 billion. Rural electric leaders noted that the bill did not seek more spending, but simply would keep the present assets of the REA's loan fund in that fund.

Without action, interest expense to the fund will begin to exceed interest income within 10 years, possibly bankrupting the fund sometime after the turn of the century.

The legislation would have prevented that by allowing interest rates on REA loans to co-ops to rise enough to keep the fund in balance.

The bill would also have retained the fund's \$7.9 billion in assets rather than transferring them to the Treasury starting in 1993, as is required by current law.

Senate supporters of the bill promised to bring it before the Senate again next year.

"I can assure the Senate that indeed we will revisit this again next year," said Sen. James Exon of Nebraska. "Unfortunately, we should be solving the problem right now."

Meanwhile, another bill affecting electric cooperatives also died without a full airing just before the 98th Congress closed up shop on Oct. 12.

It was a measure that would have curtailed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's authority to allow investor-owned utilities to charge their wholesale customers, such as co-ops, for construction-work-in-progress (CWIP) costs on plants that are still under construction.

This bill was offered for Senate review but was quickly withdrawn because of plans by opponents to try to block in on procedural grounds if it moved toward a vote.

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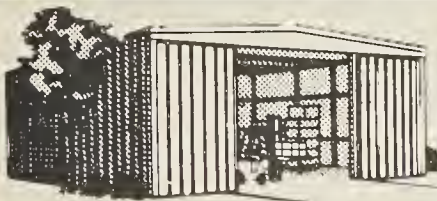
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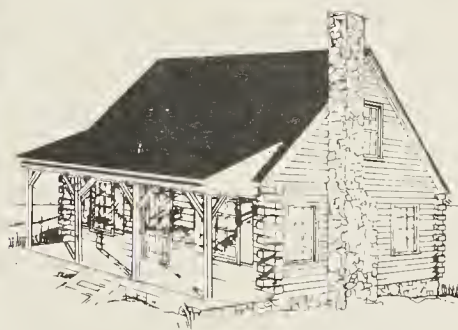
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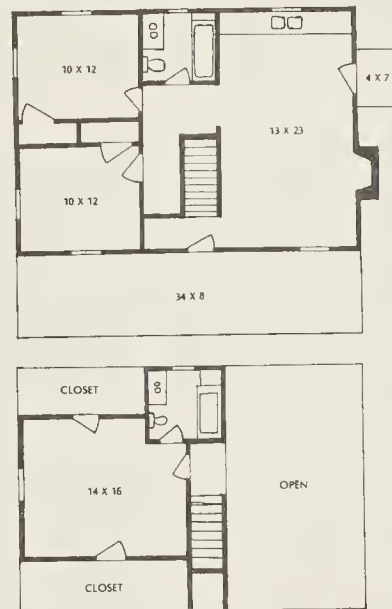
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Quilter Takes Fourth State Fair Blue Ribbon

Jane Long of Cary has won the blue ribbon for best quilt in the show at the North Carolina State Fair for the fourth year in a row.

Her latest winning entry, an original design, shows an Amish influence, with the quilting done in black thread.

Mrs. Long was introduced to quilting by an informal group of crafts-oriented women that meets once a month.

"We sit around, talk and work and drink Tab and eat some of the most fattening desserts you've ever seen," she says.

Her first project was quilting a stenciled pattern for a pillow. The second project was a Churn Dash bedspread which won her first place at the State Fair in 1981. She has made a quilt a year since then, and taken first place with each one.

That first bedspread is son Andy's quilt—an outline of his hand and the date of his birth are embroidered



Jane Long of Cary displays the quilt which won her the Best in the Show award at the N.C. State Fair. This is Mrs. Long's fourth consecutive award.

onto the lower left-hand corner. But it's on his parents' bed since seven-year-old Andy is a bit too active to have a quilt like that in his room.

The second quilt, a David and Goliath pattern, was for daughter Erin. Erin, who is 3½, doesn't spend much time playing in her bedroom, so Mother feels the quilt is safe for the time being on her bed.

Her last two prize-winning quilts cover beds in the spare bedroom. They are a Hands-All-Around and her original design, which is a combination of Hole-in-the-Barn-Door and Shoo Fly.

It takes Mrs. Long an average of nine months to complete one of her award-winning quilts. Six of those months is spent just quilting, and she averages three to four hours a day.

Once the top is pieced, the quilting frame is set up in the kitchen under the double windows where she feels free to work on it without taking time away from her children.

She finds the actual quilting process very relaxing.

"There's a feel to the flow of the needle. Once you let it flow through the fabric, I sit and think of a million different things."

Some might find it difficult to devote such a large amount of time to a project like quilting, but "you can always find time to do things you love."

Her husband Ronnie has always been very supportive. "He's never felt my quilting was insignificant or unimportant," Mrs. Long says. In fact, Ronnie has put his words into action. He took a week's vacation from his job to stay at home with their children in January so that Mrs. Long could attend a quilting seminar at Hilton Head.

Next year's quilt hasn't been begun, but her husband has suggested one for their bedroom so Andy's can be put away.

Always interested in crafts, Mrs. Long said she tried "everything that came down the road at least once" until she picked up a quilting needle.

"I've found my nook in quilting."

She now wants to explore and play with the various aspects of quilting—use of fabric and color. She would like to enter more competitions, particularly on the national level and is

hoping to get into a juried contest in Kentucky next year.

Mrs. Long will continue to enter competitions. And the Charlotte native hopes to put her UNC-Charlotte English degree to work eventually writing a book on quilting. Working outside the home has no draw for her.

"I'm just a homebody. I want to stay home and take care of the kids. The older they get, the more they need you, just in different ways. Or maybe they don't need you as much as you need to know what they're up to."



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Two secretaries sat discussing their bosses during coffee break.

"He's in a bad mood again," moaned one, "all I asked him was whether he wanted the carbon copies double-spaced too."

A traffic judge fined a speeder \$50 and suggested that he get a receipt from the court clerk.

Speeder: "What should I do with it?"

Judge: "Save it. When you get three of them, you get a bicycle."

The coach lost a big game by his own dumb mistakes. The next day his wife was doing a little shopping when she was approached by an angry fan.

"Does your husband suffer from insanity?" inquired the fan.

"Of course not," replied the wife. "He enjoys every minute of it."

Answers To Hidden Words Puzzle, Page 2

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| 1. conserve | 9. compressor |
| 2. control | 10. generating |
| 3. load | 11. kilowatt |
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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

Dull November brings the blast,
Then the leaves are whirling fast.

—Sara Coleridge

With the cooler weather of November comes planting time for woody ornamental plants, both balled-and-burlapped and bare-root stock. It's time to tidy up garden areas by removing dead plants and pruning out broken or diseased twigs and stems. If rainfall has been scarce, give plants a good soaking before freezes set in—a lack of moisture can cause drying of evergreen foliage and the dropping of fruit and flowerbuds.

Mulch To Protect From Cold

Be prepared to mulch around shrubs after the soil has frozen. Pine needles, compost and leaves are among the better materials to use. A good mulch helps to protect roots against winter cold and the heaving problem caused by freezing and thawing.

Fall: Time To Survey Garden Chores

While spring and summer gardening experiences are still fresh in mind, now's a good time to take any needed corrective action.

It may be that you need to consider changes in flower-vegetable garden location or size. A garden of proper size for your family a few years ago now may be too large or too small. A good sunny spot of several years ago now may be shaded by trees. If no other site is available, some tree pruning may be the answer. Branch trimming and limb removal as well as selective tree removal are excellent fall projects.

Should you have a bank that has too steep a slope, you may want to cut it down a bit or build a wall to improve the situation. Making major changes of this kind at this time will

give soil a chance to settle before next growing season.

This is an ideal time to take soil samples to be analyzed. And, don't overlook moving plants that are unhappy in their present positions. A shade-loving shrub suffers when grown in full sun; a sun-demanding shrub does not perform well in shade or semi-shade.

Pest Control

If snails and slugs become a problem as cool weather begins, set out bait frequently. Garden centers have several chemical controls available. Sauces of stale beer will attract slugs. They drown when they crawl into the beer.

If you prefer not to use manufactured chemicals or beer, wood ashes from the fireplace are reported to give good results. Sprinkle only a small amount around the plants or beds to be protected; the slugs and snails do not readily cross over the ashes.

Weed Killers

Apply pre-emergence weed killers to the soil now to kill sprouting seeds such as annual bluegrass. Selective chemicals, which inhibit growth of

weed seedlings but permit growth of desirable plants, are available under many trade names.

Be sure to read the directions carefully before buying the product. You want to make certain the chemical will control the weeds you wish to control and not harm desirable plants.

Lily-Of-The-Valley



It's time to begin planting lily-of-the-valley pips for bloom next summer. This ever-popular garden perennial grows best in shady spots. It can

be used as a groundcover. If old plantings have become crowded they should be dug, divided and re-set in freshly prepared rich soil.

Hedge It In—Or Out

Many home properties need a hedge, either to screen out an unsightly view or to make the yard give the appearance of embracing the house. On a vast property such as a farm home, a good hedge will define that section set aside as home yard. By defining the area with a hedge, you are able to take into the yard the exact

Dutch Elm Disease

For several years Dutch Elm Disease has invaded elm trees in most areas of the country and some areas of North Carolina. The disease is spread by a bark beetle. Leaves on a branch will show signs of wilting, followed by wilting of the entire limb. Eventually the limb dies.

Although not 100 percent in correcting the problem, the entire tree should be sprayed in the spring with an insecticide. It is important to coat the entire tree. Dead branches should be pruned away as they appear.

Each year, the tree should be injected with fungicide. This material is not available at garden centers and is applied only by certified applicators.

Dutch Elm Disease can be spread through the root system. If there are several elms on the property or nearby properties, it is advisable to root-prune diseased trees to help prevent the spread of the disease.

Many homeowners with diseased elms decide that the best—and least expensive route to take is in planting a tree of another species nearby. When the elm has to be removed, the new tree "takes over" as the landscape specimen and shade tree.

space you need or have the time to maintain.

Some of the most desirable shrubs for use as tall hedges are "Red Tip" (Photinia), cherry laurel, ligustrum, eleagnus and the holly group.

When You Prune

Keep in mind that shearing destroys the natural shape of many shrubs. To reduce size and produce more compact growth, cut out undesirable longer limbs from inside the plant. Do not cut all limbs at the same height. An exception: a severely modern, contemporary landscape planting may have places where shrubs are severely pruned for a distinct landscape effect.

Moving Camellias

If you need to move plants, there's no harm in moving camellias while they are in flower. Camellias are dormant until new growth begins to show.

Remove any fallen flowers from around camellias and replenish the mulch if it is thin and skimpy.

If you have a plant that has outgrown its assigned landscape space, prune to reduce the size. This can be done by cutting long stems when gathering blooms.

Landscape Planning

Landscape design involves more than beauty. Actually beds of flowering annuals, perennials and bulbs are one of the last considerations in preparing a plan.

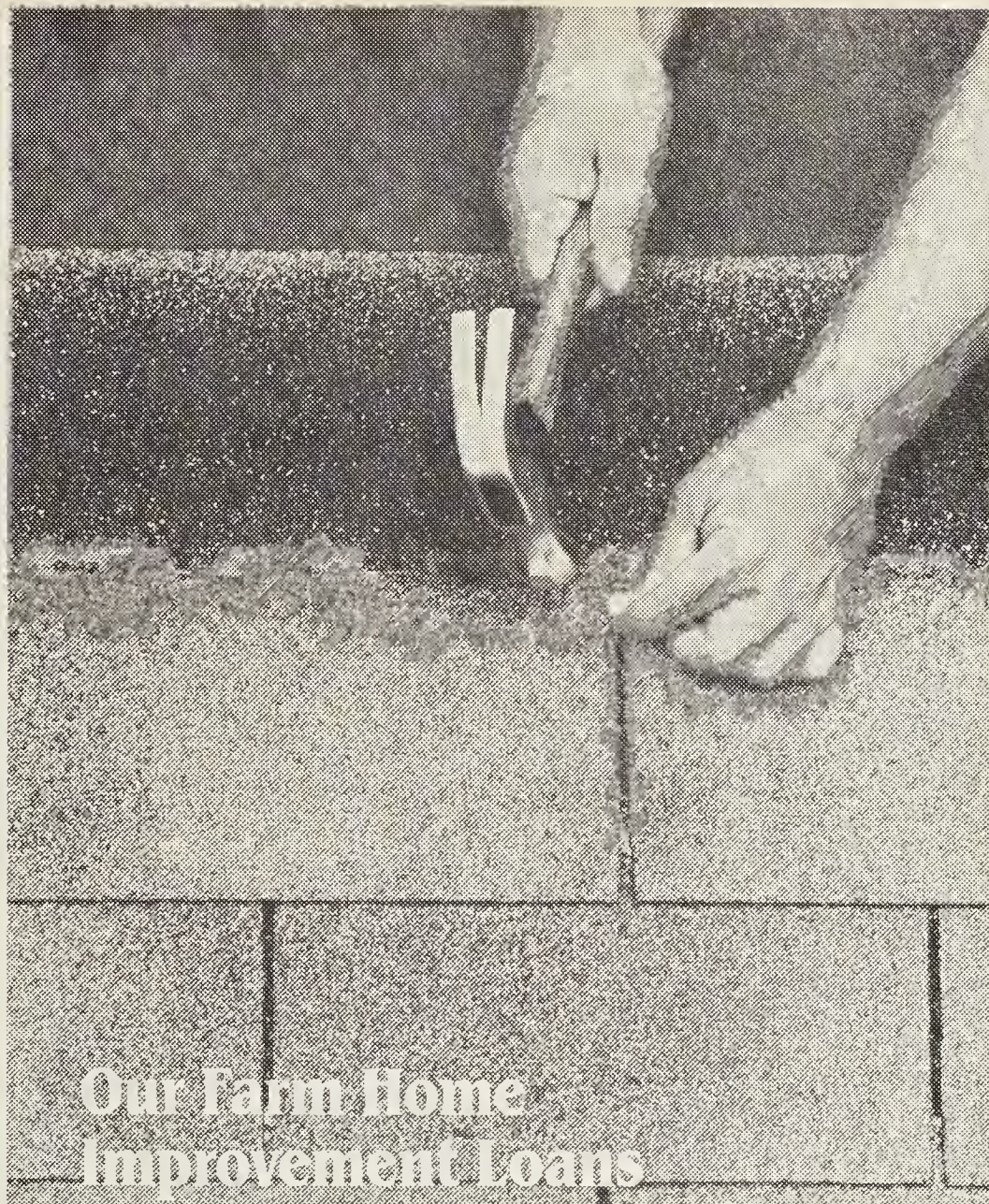
The major factors to consider are: (1) Is the plan functional and suitable? (2) Is it economical? (3) Does it require too much maintenance?

Root Cuttings Outdoors

Make cuttings of such shrubs as spirea, althea, forsythia, crepe myrtle and other deciduous shrubs between now and Christmas. Cuttings should be 8-12 inches long. Plant them outdoors in a spot of rich soil such as the vegetable garden. Remove leaves from lower part of cuttings (about 1/3-to 1/2-way up the stems.)

Insert cuttings into soil at a depth where soil comes about 4-6 inches from top bud on the cutting.

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In a recent study, 95 percent of the people surveyed could finish the sentence correctly, demonstrating the effectiveness of the popular animal "spokesman" after four decades.

The same survey found that 98 percent of the respondents could identify Smokey when they saw his picture.

That's quite remarkable for a symbol that was developed especially for a campaign to prevent forest fires that might stem from Japanese submarine shelling of Southern California during World War II.

Since few firefighters or heavy equipment were available because of the war, forestry officials felt a campaign of this sort was a matter of national importance. As a result, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service organized by the Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention campaign, with assistance from the National Association of State Foresters and a volunteer advertising agency in Los Angeles.

The campaign was launched with various posters in 1942 and 1943

and one of its posters, distributed in 1944, featured Walt Disney's Bambi.

Then came the inspiration for Smokey, who was initially envisioned as a bear with a short "Panda type" nose, an "appealing, knowledgable, quizzical" expression and wearing a campaign (or Boy Scout) hat "that typifies the outdoors and the woods."

Artist Albert Staehle painted the first version of the bear, which appeared on a poster that was printed in 1944 and distributed the following year. The poster is reproduced here.

The character was named Smokey after "Smokey Joe" Martin, who was the assistant chief of the New York City Fire Department from 1919 to 1930.



Smokey became an instant hit, appearing on posters and car cards as well as in public service radio spots. And people responded to his message, for the number of forest fires decreased dramatically.

After the war, the artist Rudolph Wendelin became Smokey's "father" and he made an effort to humanize the animal, shaping his paws to look more like hands, softening his pointed teeth and giving his coat a more glossy, well-groomed appearance.

By 1952, the bear had become so popular that Ideal Toys began making a stuffed toy version of Smokey. Each bear was sold with a card to be filled out to become a

"Junior Forest Ranger." By 1955, about 500,000 children had joined the "ranger" corps.

When the concept was used in elementary schools, the Forest Service arranged to give Smokey his own zip code—20252—to ease the handling of requests for Junior Forest Ranger kits.

Smokey's 40 years of faithful service have been marked in various ways this year, including the issuance of a commemorative stamp last August.

Happy Birthday, Smokey!

"Aspirin Cake" Revisited

After we ran the "Aspirin Cake" recipe in September, we received a note from Mamie Cochran of Hillsville, Va., who wrote the clever little piece.

She wrote to say she was sending a cake recipe, but she wanted to share "a real exciting thing that happened to me."

She was visiting her daughter and son-in-law in Staley, N.C., when her grandson brought the mail and gave her the September issue of the magazine.

In looking through it, she discovered her recipe, which was originally published in her hometown newspaper and later reprinted in an Eastern Star cookbook.

Small world, isn't it?

Facing "Rush Hour" Reality

The Colorado Highway Department has faced up to reality in its news releases dealing with traffic congestion.

They're now using the term "peak periods" rather than "rush hour," having concluded that it's no longer possible for motorists to "rush" anywhere during those periods.

—Owen Bishop



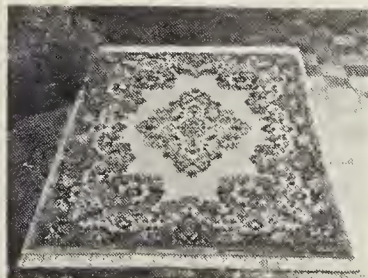
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